

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2629  
Docket No.: 1614.1149**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Hisashi OHKI, et al.

Serial No. 09/814,050

Group Art Unit: 2629

Confirmation No. 2534

Filed: March 22, 2001

Examiner: NGUYEN, JENNIFER T

For: STATUS DISPLAY CONTROL UNIT, ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND STORAGE  
MEDIUM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) of the subject application and is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 28, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on December 28, 2006. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to March 28, 2007.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.